**Bulletin #2010-007 26 – November - 2010**

Subject:
Technical rule changes

Overview:
The following rule changes are effective 1/1/2011.

1. Add the following item to Article 5.1.A:

   2. Snell SAH2010 or newer

   Rationale:
   This change allows helmets that meet the new Snell SAH standard.

2. Add the following paragraph to Article 5.1.A:

   Helmets meeting the Snell SA2000 standard will not be allowed after 1/1/2012.

   Rationale:
   The clock is running out on Snell SA2000 helmets.

3. Replace Article 5.1.C with the following item:

   C. SFI 38.1 licensed, or FIA 8858-2002 or FIA 8858-2010 approved head and neck restraint systems are required for all Rally America events. These systems shall be mounted per the manufacturer's recommendations and shall not violate the single latch requirement of the occupant restraint system.

   Rationale:
   This change allows head and neck restraints that meet the new FIA specification.

4. Add the following to Article 5.7:

   D. All fuel pumps must only operate when the engine is running, except during the starting process.

   Rationale:
   This change is being made for obvious safety reasons.

5. Add the following to Article 10.1.B:

   Vehicles with removable tops (e.g., Mazda Miata, Jeep CJ) are not considered closed-bodied vehicles and are therefore not eligible under these Rules.

   Rationale:
   This change is a clarification of what constitutes "closed-body" vehicles.

6. Add the following to Article 10.1.E:

   Use of nitrous oxide (as a fuel or an oxidizer) is explicitly prohibited.

   Rationale:
   This change is being made to end all doubt.

7. Add the following item to Article 10.2.A.6:

   e. The use of roller bearings for linear guidance of the shaft within shock absorbers and/or MacPherson struts is prohibited. Guidance of the shaft within the body of the shock absorber or strut must be via solid bushing.

   Rationale:
   The reason for this change is cost control. The FIA banned this in Group N in 2007 and will ban it in WRC in 2011 for similar reasons.

8. Add the following to Article 10.2.B.26.u:

   Modification of the lower 100mm of any lower body panel, including wheel arches, is free.

   Rationale:
   These changes are being made to give Production Category competitors the ability to remove, trim, or reinforce the lower edge of bumper covers to save them from damage or extend their life, remove fragile wheel trim, reinforce rocker panels, etc.

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